

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic comprising a hydroxyl compound obtained by reaction of a di- or a higher-valent alcohol with a monovalent carboxylic acid and dimer acid, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the hydroxyl compound is obtained by reacting diglycerin with isostearic acid, and then reacting the obtained ester compound with dimer acid, and that a molar ~~ratio~~ ratio among diglycerin, isostearic acid, and dimer acid is 1.0 : 1.4 to 1.6 : 0.5 to 0.8; and has a hydroxyl value in a range of from 30 to 80.
2. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein the molar ~~ratio~~ ratio among diglycerin, isostearic acid and dimer acid is 1.0 : 1.45 to 1.55 : 0.55 to 0.75.
3. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein the molar ~~ratio~~ ratio among diglycerin, isostearic acid, and dimer acid is 1.0 : 1.47 to 1.53 : 0.6 to 0.7.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein the hydroxyl value of the hydroxyl compound is in a range of from 40 to 70.
6. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein a viscosity at 60 degrees C of the hydroxyl compound is in a range of from 2,000 to 15,000 mPa.s.
7. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein a viscosity at 60 degrees C of the hydroxyl compound is in a range of from 2,500 to 10,000 mPa.s.
8. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein a viscosity at 60 degrees C of the hydroxyl compound is in a range of from 3,000 to 8,000 mPa.s.
9. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein a number of average molecular weight of the hydroxyl compound is in a range of from 2,000 to 7,000.

10. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein a number average molecular weight of the hydroxyl compound is in a range of from 3,000 to 6,000.